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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2001, please enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 to 15 are pending.

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 3 to 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Maguire et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,951,210) in view of Dawson (U.S. Patent No. 5,913,790).

The Examiner is not only combining two references, but also rearranging the elements on the block to arrive at Applicants' invention.

Applicants respectfully draw the Examiner's attention to claim 1 and to Figures 1 and 2 of the present application. A neck wall member, a pin receiving

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